

IF YOU PICK ANY ONE OF THESE YOU CAN MAKE NO MISTAKE

They Are the Right Sort of Democrats
and Are Entitled to Your
Hearty Support

Choose Your Favorite and If He Does
Not Win, Support the Man
Who Does

It is right up to the limit—the boiling point of the political pot—it is almost ready to boil over—by this time next week the pot will be overflowing, for the various Democratic candidates for county office are making the fire so hot that there can be no other result. Of course the Republicans may think that they have a look-in, but they have not, for no Republican is on the slate for election this fall.

The state candidates have been real busy, but they do not figure in local politics. Likewise the congressional candidates (those who are on the ground, and who are trying to displace a man who is attending to the duties of the office to which the people elected him and who stays at his post of duty from which the other candidates are trying to oust him, simply from the fact that they want the place and have only that desire upon which to base their claims) are busy, but that is not a patch to what the candidates for county office are doing. They are simply working with that vigor and strength which is born of a desire to succeed.

And there never was a batch of better fellows or better Democrats, than the boys who are striving for that nomination a week from next Tuesday. It almost is a pity that all of them cannot succeed, for they are all of the class and sort who would make the right kind of officials.

The Judges Race

Tom Allen is the only one of those who aspire for judicial position who has no opposition—and he should not have.

Thomas F. Ryan, William H. Utz and James C. Gowney want the place of judge for the third division of the circuit court, and no one could ask for better material.

And then comes the representatives: Ed Swartz and Roy Rush in the First; Frank J. Staedler, who never deserved opposition, in the Second; W. T. Cline and Ben F. Stuart in the Third; and Walter T. Edson, C. W. Meyer and J. D. Robinson in the Fourth, any one of whom would give St. Joseph and Buchanan county its proper standing.

And then there is Lon Bostick, Marvin Kirkman and J. K. Lower, who want to be county judge from the First district, and Gus Balsiger, Joe

Brown, Judge William Hub, the present incumbent, John T. Clark, Hank Connell, Jim Leonard, Pleas Oatman, and John Tetherow, who want to be judge from the Second district—and you can make no mistake when you pick any of them.

Oscar McDaniel has no opposition for prosecuting attorney, and this leads us into a real race.

Who Will Get It?

Ott Theisen, Joe Gates, Bill Wyatt, Tom Moore, Jim Hunt and Charlie Richardson, all want to be the next sheriff of Buchanan county. One of them will be—but out of such a lot of good fellows you must make your choice.

Al Munsey, John Crawford and John Webster, each and every one of them, would like to be assessor. Take your choice.

Frans and Claiborne

Both Henry Frans, who has so well filled the place, and George G. Claiborne want to be county treasurer. Who could ask for better timber?

Ray Cargill, who is the present efficient county highway engineer, and Will Hazen want the place, which tells how the roads may or shall be built.

Mary Williams has made a good public administrator and no one dares to try to take the place away from her.

There is going to be a Champ Clark "hoss race" for coroner, with Dr. W. W. Gray, Dr. J. W. Mays, Dr. Forrest Thomas and Dr. Lyda Hillyard all in the running.

A Big List

The candidates for constable in the various township precincts will muss among themselves, but when it comes to Washington (St. Joseph) township there is a line-up which is hard to beat, for every aspirant is a Democrat of the true type. George Blackley, Jimmie McGreevey, Walt Patten, Cecil James, Charley Gates and Roy Fryor all want the place and each and every one of them are worthy.

The only place in which there are no contests is that for registrars in the city. All of the nominees will not deserve a contest.

There is no place or no point in the whole list of Democratic aspirants where you cannot choose a real Democrat. Go to the primary and do so.

STEP UP, GENTLEMEN

The Stockyards Journal Issues a Call
To the Bloodthirsty
Warriors

For those blood-thirsty persons who have been demanding that something be done in Mexico it might be mentioned that Messrs. Villa et al are still alive and that their whereabouts is unknown, and that there is a United States army recruiting station. It is a case of put up or shut up now. There is nothing to stop those warlike spirits who have been aching for Mexican on toast for breakfast. Step right up, gentlemen, and you will be given your preference, artillery, infantry or cavalry.—St. Joseph Stockyards Journal.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

We declare.
We desire.
We deeply sympathize.
We express.
We reaffirm.
We favor.
We renew.
We accept.
We condemn.
We reiterate.
We must have.
We are utterly opposed.
We pledge.
We are hungry.

THEM TWO

Seemed a kind o' curious thing—
Warn't many cried
When the richest man in town
Tuk t' bed an' died.
When folks went thar to inquire
An' offer help within,
Servants waitin' on the door
Tuk the greetin's in.
Old Aunt Sally carried soup,
Mandy brought some jell;
Didn't git a word o' thanks
When they rung the bell.
Got t' thinkin', did he leave
Very much behind?
Jest a heap o' property
An' bonds o' every kind.

Twarn't so when Uncle Bill
Crossed the "great divide"—
All the folks in town wuz thar,
An' all the folks, they cried.
Got t' thinkin', did he leave
Very much behind?
Didn't own a vacant lot,
But his heart was kind,
An' his smile was pleasin',
An' what he had he shared,
So the passin' o' them two
Couldn't be compared.
Used t' think I'd like t' be
Richest man in town;
Still, I couldn't leave behind
Nothin' worth renown.
Spee' the world's the gainer by
Sech men ez Uncle Bill;
Know the world's the loser since
He's gone—we miss him still.
—L. Duncan Cox.

COMPARE THE TWO

Read What Wilson Had to Say, and
What Hughes Said
In Reply

To the Editor of The Observer:

Those were great, grand, patriotic words uttered by President Wilson before the New York Press Club, when he said: "Personally, it will be a matter of indifference to me what the verdict on the 7th of November is, provided I feel any degree of confidence that when a later jury sits I shall get their judgment in my favor. Not my favor personally, but in my favor as an honest, conscientious spokesman of the nation." Great words from a great heart throbbing in sympathy for his fellowmen.

Compare this speech with that of Charles Hughes, in which he blamed President Wilson with the responsibility of the Lusitania disaster. Let the voters of all political faiths read these two speeches, and on election day let his manhood dictate whom he shall support as the nation's chief. Wilson, in love with humanity, ready to sacrifice his ambitions for the welfare of the nation, or Hughes, ever ready to shamefully misrepresent, a loyal, patriotic Christian gentleman with a charge so criminally brutal and so utterly false as to be disgusting to all men in every avenue of life.

Oregon, Mo., July 21. X.

TO AVOID PENALTY

All Income Taxpayers in Collector
Harber's District Must
Get Busy

Collector E. M. Harber says: "Of the 7,000 income taxpayers in this district, corporation and individual, there are less than fifty delinquent. These have already incurred a penalty of 5 per cent."

"Druggists, physicians, veterinary surgeons and dentists who failed to register in this office by July 1 have incurred a penalty of 50 per cent, and having in their possession, dispensing in any way any of the narcotics prohibited by the Harrison act, subject themselves to prosecution and heavy penalty in addition to the 50 per cent."

"All other special taxpayers, such as tobacco dealers, brokers, pawn brokers, commercial brokers, commission merchants, proprietors of bowling alleys, billiard and pool halls, theaters, museums and concert halls, etc., must register in this office on or before July 31 or penalties of 50 per cent are automatically imposed, in addition to other liability that might be insisted upon for conducting such business without having first secured special tax stamp."

Collector Harber is especially anxious that no penalties be imposed, but if the taxpayer neglects to comply with the law he has no discretion in the matter, as the penalty must be imposed and collected.

LAKE WILL BE SAVED

Energetic Work Under Col. Brockett
Has Produced Good Results in
Battle With River

Lake Contrary is not yet a part of the Missouri river and it may not be for some time—or maybe never—despite the political and otherwise disposed who would put the lake out of existence. It is true that there is yet grave danger that all of the efforts so far put forth may not avail—but up to the present writing Lake Contrary is still intact—and the Muddy Missouri still seeks to absorb it.

Why it has not become a part of the Missouri is that Col. J. W. Brockett, the street car company, the city of St. Joseph and the farmers who belong to the threatened section just got out and fought the rapacious soil stealing Missouri. They fought it bravely, savagely and furiously and Col. Brockett, who has had vast experience, knew what to do and how to do it. The last report today is that while there is only about seventy feet of land between Lake Contrary and the stealing Missouri, yet there will be no union for some time to come.

IT IS AMUSING

To See What the G. O. P. Papers Are
Now Saying of the
Big Noise

A Republican paper published in Nodaway county last week contained the following bon mot:

It is rather amusing to notice that the Democratic papers who never before had a good word for the Bull Moosers are now profuse with their fulsome flattery for the remnant of that party.

It is just as amusing, also to notice that the Republican papers which had not before had anything good to say of Teddy, but were on the contrary very bitter toward him, are now profuse with their fulsome flattery for the betrayer of two parties.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

The Nodaway Democrat-Forum,
the Leading Northwest Mis-
souri Democratic Paper,
Straight Out for Booher

The Democrat-Forum of Maryville is recognized as the leading Democratic paper of that section of the state, and it always speaks to the point. That is why it is in such high standing and why its opinion carries weight and counts—for it never speaks haphazard. That is why the following editorial from its daily issue of Tuesday is of much moment, for it shows how not only the people of that section but the editor who has the best opportunity for observation and feeling of the public pulse feels on the question of Congressman Booher succeeding himself. Here is what it says editorially:

"Along with other contests the campaign for congress is now in full swing. Messrs. Martin and Hull are pressing their claims in every part of the district, while Representative Booher is discharging his duties at Washington."

"It is the duty of every good citizen to consider the situation carefully and vote in accordance with the public interest. Mr. Booher has accepted the duties and obligations placed upon him by the people of the Fourth district and is discharging those obligations with upswerving fidelity. He is faithful to his trust even to the sacrifice of his own political interests."

"His opponents find no fault with his record. They admit that he is honest, that he has been true to the public interest, that he is a hard-working, valuable member of congress, such a one as the president and party leaders like to see remain there. But they say he has had the place long enough, that it ought to be passed to someone else."

"That is for the people to decide. A seat in the national congress is not a sinecure. It is not a mere matter of pie to be passed around to satisfy an ambitious craving. It is a matter of serious business. Every man has a perfect right to run for office and his ambition is to be commended, but it is for the people to say whom they will choose to serve them."

"The fact has been well established that those districts are served best that keep a faithful and satisfactory man on the job. That is the principle on which every successful business man proceeds. That is the policy you follow when you hire a man to serve your personal interests."

"You do not discharge a man who has shown his worth just to be giving a job to someone else. Yet that is what the voters of this district are asked to do. The fact that Charley Booher's official integrity has never been assailed and that his fidelity to the interests of this district have never been questioned is the strongest argument that can be made for his retention in office."

"Champ Clark has said that an honest congressman's worth to his district increases in exact proportion to his length of service. Champ Clark presides over 435 members, and he knows. The men who are most influential in congress, the men who have chairmanships and places on the important committees are the men who have been in congress long enough to prove their worth."

"The new men are sent to the bottom and must work their way up, and it is not a forty-eight-hour task nor a one-term task."

"The present Democratic majority in congress is small, the next one cannot be determined now. But the national situation is difficult and the best interests of the country demand the continuance in office of the men who have already secured a grasp upon the world's affairs. If we are to have a Democratic congress, the leaders will need the help of those whom they already know and who have become trained in the service. The new men can promise nothing that Representative Booher has not already done or can do. His record is his platform. You know what to expect if he is returned."

"efficiency, fidelity, honesty and hard work."

"What more is there to be desired?"

ST. LOUIS THE BATTLE GROUND

There Is Where the Race for
the Democratic Nomination
for Governor Will End

FIGURES TO SHOW
THAT THIS IS TRUE

To Those Who Like to Dabble in Prediction Data and Who Have a Penchant for Divining What the Result Will Be Before the Ballots Are Counted, the "Old Statistician" of Jefferson City, Who Has Made It a Part of His Life Work, Offers Some Interesting Suggestions for Thought and Fancy

There are really but two races for state offices that are engrossing the attention of the voters of this section, the others being considered as good as settled now. The all-absorbing one of the two, however, is that of the race for the nomination for governor—the nomination being equal to election—and this race has now equalled Missouri Champ Clark's prediction of a "hoss race." Who the man will be is to be settled at the primary a week from next Tuesday, and St. Joseph is so divided as to choose that it is useless here to make a prediction from local grounds.

Now just to cool down the local fever a trifle and to show what other people think, it may be remarked in passing that in Jefferson City lives an old-time Democrat who probably knows as much about state politics as any man living in Missouri. So well is he posted and so well has he kept track of past events that he is known as the "Old Statistician." In the past few days he has made up a summary of his observations and his gathered information would indicate that St. Louis will be the battle ground of the gubernatorial fight and it will settle the question whom will be the next Democratic governor of Missouri. Here is how he figures it out:

To Be Fought Out There

"That St. Louis will be the battle ground where the Democratic nomination for governor will be fought and won on Aug. 1, is indicated by assertions and claims made by six of the aspirants, who are basing their belief on the strength they say they have out in the state, excluding Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph. Under ordinary circumstances the 1912 Democratic primary returns would be of value in determining how the contest will end this time, but the fact that one of the seven candidates, and a strong one at that, Col. F. D. Gardner, is from St. Louis and the other six from smaller cities and towns and rural sections, changes the situation more or less. In 1912 approximately 225,000 votes were cast at the Democratic primary all over the state. Since then Missouri has increased in population, and this fact, added to the great interest which is being taken in the coming primary, owing to questions involved which did not figure in the contest of 1912. It is therefore conservative to figure that at least 240,000 votes will be cast this time. Four years ago, Ball, Bolte, Cowder, Houchlin and Governor Major received a total of 31,516 votes in St. Louis. This time, owing to the deep interest there in the coming primary, the Democratic vote ought to reach 40,000."

The Vote to Be Cast

"Four years ago in Kansas City on primary day there were cast 19,343 Democratic votes, and in St. Joseph 7,621, or a total of 26,964 for both cities. These two cities this time ought to draw at least 30,000 votes, and allowing this number and adding 40,000 votes for St. Louis, it seems that the three cities will bring out 70,000 votes, leaving 170,000 votes for the balance of Missouri. With six of the seven candidates claiming everything in sight in Missouri, outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, it is more than conservative to allow each candidate a seventh of the rural vote, something that will not occur, as there are at least three of the Democratic candidates who will receive more than that quota. But for the sake of living up to the contentions made by the knowing six, it will do to say that each of the seven Democratic candidates for gubernatorial honors will receive in the 112 counties of Missouri, excluding the city of St. Louis and Jackson and Buchanan counties, 24,300 votes each. The supposed vote Kansas City and St. Joseph will deliver can also be taken and divided evenly, for argument's sake, between Gardner, Roach, Atkinson,

Barker, Painter, Lindsey and Houchlin, and, if this is done, it means that each will receive approximately 4,300 votes in these cities, and when this is added to the rural vote each would enter St. Louis with 28,600 votes.

The St. Louis Vote

"Political statisticians of the state who have figured out the St. Louis primary result predict that one candidate will receive 20,000 votes there, the second highest, 8,000; the third highest, 5,000; the fourth in the race, 3,000; the fifth, 2,000, and the last two candidates 1,000 each. If this estimation is nearly correct, admitting it is conservative owing to the peculiar situation which faces the St. Louis Democratic voters, and that one of the candidates lives there and is very popular, it would give the high candidate 48,000 votes in the state. The second man in this contest, figuring the same way, will receive 36,000 votes, and will therefore be defeated by 12,000 votes. The third man in the race will receive 33,000 votes, and the fourth man in the St. Louis contest will receive 31,600 votes in the state, and the fifth man will receive 30,600 votes, and the sixth and seventh men 29,600 each."

The Figures Bewildering

"While the figures given above may seem bewildering, yet they are based on the claims that six of the candidates are making concerning their strength in Missouri, outside of St. Louis. Other Democrats not running for office who are posted on the Missouri situation figure otherwise. It might be well to take their estimates and use them for comparative purposes. Allowing three of the candidates 40,000 votes in Missouri outside of St. Louis, and a fourth 30,000, the fifth 25,000 votes and the remaining two 25,000 between them, if this estimate is anywhere near correct, then the leading gubernatorial candidate with St. Louis included will receive approximately 60,000 votes, the second 48,000, the third 45,000, the fourth 33,000, the fifth 27,000, and the last two 26,000, combined. This figuring is considered very conservative by some politicians for the reason that it allows no landslide for any man anywhere but with the exception of in St. Louis, and gives them all an even break in Kansas City and St. Joseph, something that will not happen, since one certain candidate will have a good lead there, with the others running considerably behind the second man in these cities."

"If these figures are conservative or any way correct, this division of the primary votes may serve the useful purpose of indicating that the candidate who receives 60,000 votes, if the others hold the strength they claim to have outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, will safely pull down the nomination."

"There are other political statisticians who have a different opinion of the outcome of the contest. They predict that the winner will get 75,000 votes, carrying St. Louis heavily, running ahead in St. Joseph and Kansas City and through being either first or second man in every congressional district in the state."

POOL LENDS STRENGTH

The Well-Known Newspaper Man Will
Help the Ticket in
November

Since the memory of man runneth not the contrary, Missourians have elected a newspaper man to the office of secretary of state. This does not just happen—there are reasons for it. The secretary of state compiles and edits the State Official Manual, known as the Blue Book, the state's most important official publication. He is also a member of the printing commission and has to do with buying all the paper used by the state, and has many duties for which a newspaper man's knowledge and experience are invaluable. And then the unselfish service and consistent loyalty of the country editor to the interest of public and party alike makes him especially worthy of preferment. For these and other reasons the office of secretary of state has been filled by newspaper men for many years past without a break. Is there any reason why the time-honored precedent should be disregarded this year?

The only newspaper man running is James Kelly Pool, for twenty-five years owner and editor of the Centralia Courier. Nobody questions his qualifications; nobody challenges his worthiness of the honor; nobody doubts his long record of party service and loyalty. He has the unanimous backing of the Democratic press of the state—more than three hundred editors are asking his nomination. He will lend strength to the ticket in November and his nomination should be made as nearly unanimous as possible.